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ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the renewed petition, filed April 23, 2012, under 37 CFR 1.378(e) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The renewed petition is found to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) (d) and (e). Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The 11 ½ year maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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